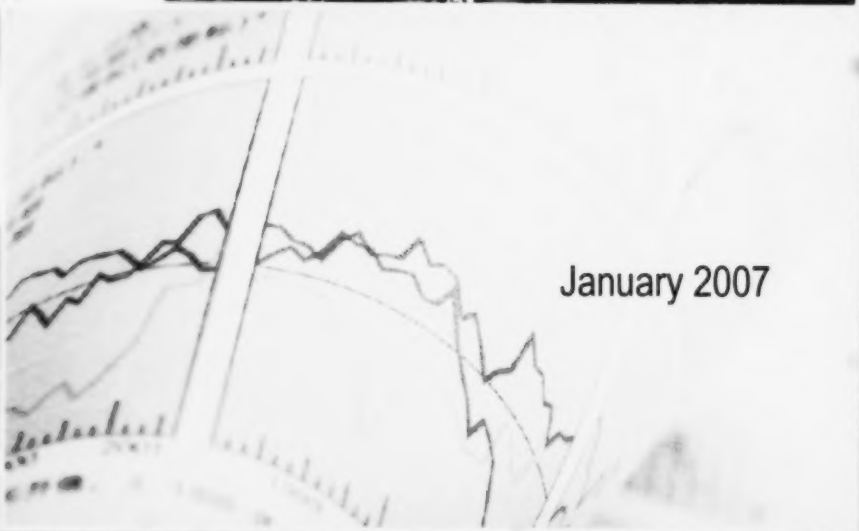

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Current Economic Indicators
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Highlights

Labour Force: In December, Alberta's unemployment rate was 3.3%, down from 4.2% recorded a year ago. On an annual basis, Alberta's average unemployment rate was 3.4% in 2006, compared to 6.3% nationally. This was the lowest rate for Alberta for the past 30 years. The drop in the unemployment rate was a result of the number of employed increasing by 86,500 or by 4.8% from 2005, which was entirely due to full-time job creation. The largest job gains were noted in the *public administration*, *mining and oil and gas extraction*, and *construction* sectors. In 2006, Alberta led the nation with the highest employment (70.8%) and participation (73.4%) rates.

Consumer Spending: Alberta retail sales were 15.8% higher in October than in the same month the previous year. For the January to October period, retail sales climbed by 16.7% from the first ten months of 2005 – the highest growth rate in Canada. During the first eleven months of 2006, the number of Multiple Listing Service home re-sales climbed by 12.0% from the same period last year, and the number of new automobile sales advanced by 12.0%. In November, Albertans paid 3.7% more for the goods and services that comprise the Consumer Price Index than they did a year earlier.

Construction: In December, Alberta urban housing starts rose by 4.2% from the same month of the previous year. In 2006, urban starts climbed by 19.2%, compared to 2005, to a record 40,882. This was the highest provincial growth rate in Canada. Large gains were registered for both single detached (+19.4%) and multiple-unit (+18.9%) starts. Nationally, urban housing starts increased by 0.7% over the same period. In November, the value of Alberta building permits jumped by 39.2% from November 2005. In the first eleven months of 2006, the value of Alberta building permits climbed by 38.3% from the same period in 2005, to a record $12.6 billion. Strong gains were registered for residential and commercial permits.

Energy: For the January to August period, natural gas and crude oil production was up 0.2% and 8.7%, respectively, compared to the same period in 2005. In 2006, the average number of active drilling rigs declined by 2.6% from 2005, to 371 - the second highest level on record.

Exports: The value of Alberta international merchandise exports declined by 10.3% in November, compared to November 2005. This decrease was due to lower prices for natural gas and crude oil. On a year-to-date basis, exports rose by 4.8% from the same period in 2005. In terms of value, the largest export gains were noted for *energy products*, *industrial goods*, and *agricultural products*.

Bankruptcies/Incorporations: In November, the number of business bankruptcies and consumer bankruptcies declined by 49.2% and 33.7%, respectively, from November 2005. On a year-to-date basis, the number of business and consumer bankruptcies had declines of 43.6% and 30.7% from the same period last year. In December, business incorporations fell by 3.0% from the same month last year. For all of 2006, the number of business incorporations climbed by 19.5% from 2005, to a record 45,527.

Population: Between October 2005 and October 2006, Alberta's population was up 3.4% to 3,413,464. This was the highest growth rate in 24 years. Between July 2006 and October 2006, net inter-provincial migration (+24,535) accounted for close to two-thirds of Alberta's population increase.

CURRENT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

LABOUR FORCE INDICATORS (seasonally adjusted)	JANUARY - DECEMBER AVERAGE			NOVEMBER			DECEMBER		
	2005	2006	Yearly Change	2005	2006	Yearly Change	2005	2006	Yearly Change
Alberta									
Labour Force (000's)	1,857.6	1,937.5	+ 79.9	1,874.9	1,973.8	+ 98.9	1,879.5	1,974.2	+ 94.7
Calgary	628.8	676.9	+ 48.1	635.7	691.3	+ 55.6	641.8	693.2	+ 51.4
Edmonton	573.4	584.0	+ 10.6	571.8	592.7	+ 20.9	568.4	596.3	+ 27.9
Employed (000's)	1,784.3	1,870.7	+ 86.5	1,796.7	1,911.9	+ 115.2	1,799.8	1,908.3	+ 108.5
Calgary	604.0	655.1	+ 51.1	607.7	672.2	+ 64.5	613.1	675.3	+ 62.2
Edmonton	547.3	561.3	+ 14.0	546.9	570.3	+ 23.4	543.3	574.2	+ 30.9
Employment Rate (%)	69.8	70.8	+ 1.0	69.6	71.2	+ 1.6	69.6	70.9	+ 1.3
Calgary	70.8	73.8	+ 3.1	70.4	74.8	+ 4.4	70.9	74.8	+ 3.9
Edmonton	67.5	67.0	- 0.5	66.9	67.3	+ 0.4	66.3	67.5	+ 1.2
Unemployment (000's)	73.3	66.8	- 6.5	78.3	62.0	- 16.3	79.7	65.9	- 13.8
Calgary	24.8	21.8	- 3.0	28.0	19.1	- 8.9	28.7	17.9	- 10.8
Edmonton	26.1	22.7	- 3.4	24.9	22.3	- 2.6	25.1	22.1	- 3.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.0	3.4	- 0.6	4.2	3.1	- 1.1	4.2	3.3	- 0.9
Calgary	3.9	3.2	- 0.7	4.4	2.8	- 1.6	4.5	2.6	- 1.9
Edmonton	4.5	3.9	- 0.6	4.4	3.8	- 0.6	4.4	3.7	- 0.7
Participation Rate (%)	72.7	73.4	+ 0.7	72.7	73.5	+ 0.8	72.6	73.3	+ 0.7
Calgary	73.8	76.3	+ 2.5	73.7	76.9	+ 3.2	74.2	76.8	+ 2.6
Edmonton	70.7	69.7	- 1.0	69.9	69.9	+ 0.0	69.3	70.1	+ 0.8

NOTE: Calgary and Edmonton estimates are 3-month moving averages.

ADDITIONAL LABOUR FORCE INDICATORS (unadjusted)	JANUARY - DECEMBER AVERAGE			NOVEMBER			DECEMBER		
	2005	2006	Yearly Change	2005	2006	Yearly Change	2005	2006	Yearly Change
Alberta									
Male Unemployment Rate (%)	3.9	3.3	- 0.6	4.1	3.3	- 0.8	4.3	3.3	- 1.0
Female Unemployment Rate (%)	4.0	3.6	- 0.4	4.0	3.1	- 0.9	3.7	3.2	- 0.5
Youth Unemployment Rate (%)	7.3	6.7	- 0.6	7.2	5.4	- 1.8	7.3	6.2	- 1.1
Working Age Population (000's)	2,555.6	2,641.3	+ 85.7	2,580.6	2,684.0	+ 103.4	2,587.2	2,692.1	+ 104.9
Calgary	853.7	887.4	+ 33.7	862.9	898.8	+ 35.9	865.3	902.4	+ 37.1
Edmonton	811.5	837.8	+ 26.3	818.1	847.4	+ 29.3	820.0	850.4	+ 30.4
Employed (000's)	1,784.4	1,870.7	+ 86.3	1,796.6	1,909.7	+ 113.1	1,798.6	1,899.5	+ 100.9
Full-time	1,477.6	1,570.1	+ 92.5	1,488.7	1,600.6	+ 111.9	1,485.6	1,594.4	+ 108.8
Part-time	306.8	300.6	- 6.2	307.9	309.1	+ 1.2	313.0	305.2	- 7.8

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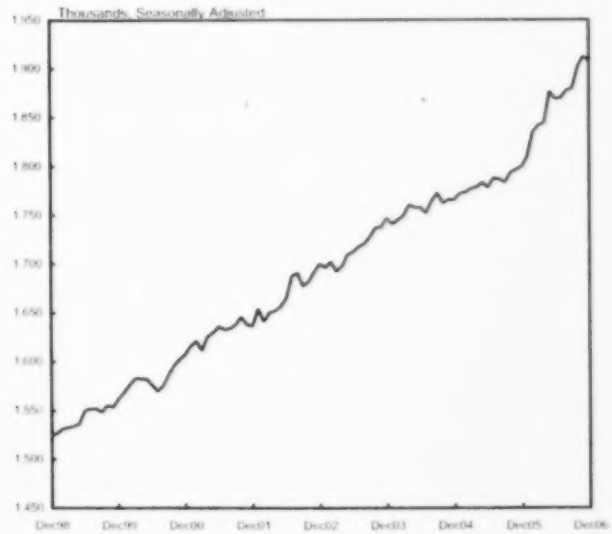
EMPLOYMENT



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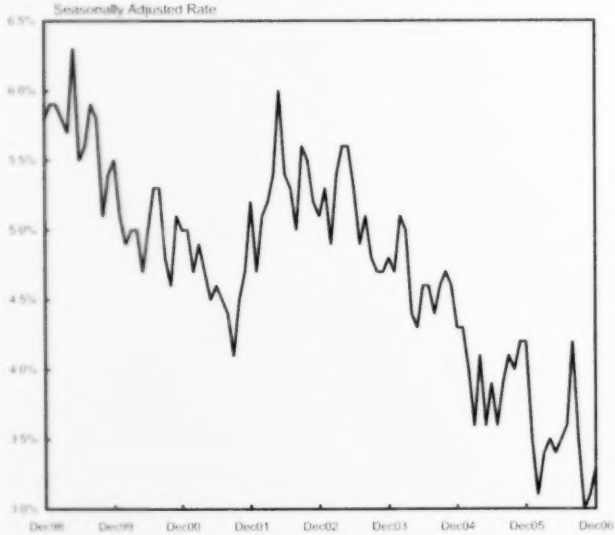


INDUSTRY LABOUR FORCE (unadjusted)	JANUARY - DECEMBER AVERAGE			NOVEMBER			DECEMBER		
	2005	2006	Yearly Change	2005	2006	Yearly Change	2005	2006	Yearly Change
Alberta									
Agriculture									
Unemployment Rate (%)	0.9	1.1	+ 0.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Employed (000's)	56.2	52.3	- 3.9	52.5	47.5	- 5.0	49.7	44.9	- 4.8
Mining & Oil & Gas Extraction									
Unemployment Rate (%)	2.7	3.0	+ 0.3	2.8	3.6	+ 0.8	1.5	3.7	+ 2.2
Employed (000's)	122.6	135.6	+ 13.0	122.9	138.2	+ 15.3	122.8	141.9	+ 19.1
Construction									
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.4	4.4	+ 0.0	2.4	4.2	+ 1.8	5.4	3.7	- 1.7
Employed (000's)	159.7	172.6	+ 12.9	168.9	182.7	+ 13.8	156.8	177.8	+ 21.0
Manufacturing									
Unemployment Rate (%)	2.4	2.2	- 0.2	3.2	2.6	- 0.6	2.2	2.0	- 0.2
Employed (000's)	130.9	137.6	+ 6.7	128.4	148.7	+ 20.3	129.2	149.7	+ 20.5
Wholesale Trade									
Unemployment Rate (%)	2.5	1.8	- 0.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	3.2	n/a	n/a
Employed (000's)	66.5	70.5	+ 4.0	72.3	61.7	- 10.6	76.2	66.3	- 9.9
Retail Trade									
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.6	3.3	- 0.3	3.3	2.9	- 0.4	4.1	4.1	+ 0.0
Employed (000's)	211.9	211.9	+ 0.0	203.4	214.4	+ 11.0	210.4	207.9	- 2.5
Transportation & Warehousing									
Unemployment Rate (%)	2.5	2.0	- 0.5	n/a	2.8	n/a	3.9	2.5	- 1.4
Employed (000's)	106.8	106.2	- 0.6	112.1	102.3	- 9.8	103.9	104.3	+ 0.4
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing									
Unemployment Rate (%)	1.8	1.4	- 0.4	2.9	2.3	- 0.6	n/a	1.5	n/a
Employed (000's)	95.2	96.2	+ 1.0	91.0	97.1	+ 6.1	95.1	103.8	+ 8.7
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services									
Unemployment Rate (%)	2.3	1.8	- 0.5	n/a	2.2	n/a	1.9	1.9	+ 0.0
Employed (000's)	131.1	142.2	+ 11.1	137.5	145.2	+ 7.7	143.6	142.6	- 1.0
Business, Building and Other Support Services									
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.8	5.0	+ 0.2	6.4	3.3	- 3.1	5.4	3.8	- 1.6
Employed (000's)	62.6	62.7	+ 0.1	61.1	67.8	+ 6.7	61.4	68.4	+ 7.0
Educational Services									
Unemployment Rate (%)	2.4	2.6	+ 0.2	n/a	2.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Employed (000's)	120.4	130.4	+ 10.0	123.0	144.0	+ 21.0	132.3	142.8	+ 10.5
Health Care & Social Assistance									
Unemployment Rate (%)	1.6	1.2	- 0.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.1	n/a	n/a
Employed (000's)	172.5	179.5	+ 7.0	175.2	180.7	+ 5.5	171.7	180.9	+ 9.2
Information, Culture and Recreation									
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.9	4.8	+ 0.9	11.2	3.2	- 8.0	9.5	2.7	- 6.8
Employed (000's)	71.1	68.3	- 2.8	67.5	71.8	+ 4.3	63.2	62.1	- 1.1
Accommodation & Food Services									
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.6	4.4	- 1.2	5.5	4.2	- 1.3	5.3	3.6	- 1.7
Employed (000's)	108.7	114.8	+ 6.1	111.6	123.4	+ 11.8	111.4	121.5	+ 10.1
Other Services									
Unemployment Rate (%)	2.3	1.9	- 0.4	n/a	2.3	n/a	n/a	1.9	n/a
Employed (000's)	82.6	87.9	+ 5.3	82.2	87.8	+ 5.6	83.7	89.0	+ 5.3
Public Administration									
Unemployment Rate (%)	1.7	1.4	- 0.3	2.6	3.0	+ 0.4	3.1	3.2	+ 0.1
Employed (000's)	67.8	81.1	+ 13.3	68.7	74.7	+ 6.0	67.7	71.8	+ 4.1

NOTE: "n/a" is reported in instances of insufficient response.

EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE	JANUARY - OCTOBER AVERAGE			SEPTEMBER			OCTOBER		
	2005	2006	Per cent Change	2005	2006	Per cent Change	2005	2006	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Number of Recipients, seasonally adj.	22,948	18,889	-17.7	21,030	18,390	-12.6	20,620	18,040	-12.5

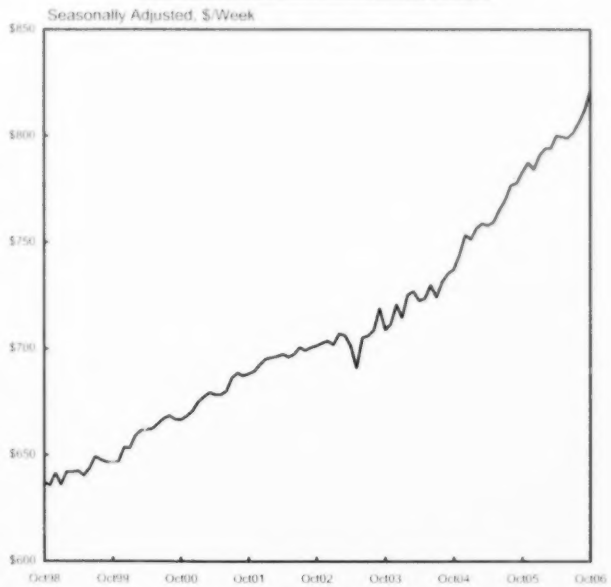
WAGES AND SALARIES ($000,000)	JANUARY - SEPTEMBER			AUGUST			SEPTEMBER		
	2005	2006	Per cent Change	2005	2006	Per cent Change	2005	2006	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total, seasonally adjusted	59,151	65,857	11.3	6,744	7,500	11.2	6,803	7,571	11.3

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS ALL EMPLOYEES	JANUARY - OCTOBER AVERAGE			SEPTEMBER			OCTOBER		
	2005	2006	Per cent Change	2005	2006	Per cent Change	2005	2006	Per cent Change
Alberta									
$/week, seasonally adjusted	765.58	801.79	4.7	777.64	811.96	4.4	782.97	821.31	4.9

MIGRATION	JANUARY - SEPTEMBER			APRIL - JUNE			JULY-SEPTEMBER		
	2005	2006	Per cent Change	2005	2006	Per cent Change	2005	2006	Per cent Change
Alberta									
International									
Immigration	15,237	15,826	3.9	5,291	5,385	1.8	5,590	5,714	2.2
Emigration	4,218	4,251	0.8	1,190	1,198	0.7	2,077	2,095	0.9
Returning Canadians	2,513	2,513	0.0	824	824	0.0	1,212	1,212	0.0
Temporarily abroad	2,270	2,268	-0.1	698	697	-0.1	940	940	0.0
Net Non-Permanent Residents	2,687	6,123	127.9	823	1,988	141.6	1,475	2,904	96.9
Net international migration	13,949	17,943	28.6	5,050	6,302	24.8	5,260	6,795	29.2
Interprovincial									
In-migration	75,233	102,158	35.8	26,321	26,844	2.0	29,882	47,351	58.5
Out-migration	41,132	50,687	23.2	14,265	15,481	8.5	16,772	22,816	36.0
Net Interprovincial migration	34,101	51,471	50.9	12,056	11,363	-5.7	13,110	24,535	87.1

EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS



RETAIL TRADE ($000,000)	JANUARY - OCTOBER 2005	2006	Per cent Change	SEPTEMBER 2005	2006	Per cent Change	OCTOBER 2005	2006	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total All Stores, seasonally adjusted	40,234	46,945	16.7	4,122	4,819	16.9	4,158	4,813	15.8
Motor & Recreational Vehicles	11,483	14,298	24.5	1,141	1,440	26.2	1,046	1,348	28.9
Gasoline Service Stations	4,109	5,136	25.0	478	513	7.4	476	484	1.7
Furniture, Furnishings, Electronics	3,132	3,690	17.8	362	428	18.4	352	409	16.2
Building and Outdoor Home Supplies	2,459	2,880	17.2	268	319	19.1	258	295	14.3
Food and Beverage	8,400	8,996	7.1	872	949	8.7	868	885	2.0
Pharmacies and Personal Care	1,667	1,805	8.3	177	187	5.6	158	188	19.3
Clothing and Accessories	1,959	2,284	16.6	227	263	16.0	218	249	14.3
General Merchandise	4,164	4,851	16.5	427	505	18.3	468	533	13.8
Miscellaneous Retailers	2,044	2,247	9.9	217	243	11.6	205	237	15.6

Note: The Total All Stores series is seasonally adjusted, the sales by store type series are not seasonally adjusted.

RESTAURANT, CATERER AND TAVERN RECEIPTS ($000,000)	JANUARY - OCTOBER 2005	2006	Per cent Change	SEPTEMBER 2005	2006	Per cent Change	OCTOBER 2005	2006	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total	3,712	4,101	10.5	368	421	14.4	383	420	9.8

NEW MOTOR VEHICLE SALES	JANUARY - NOVEMBER 2005	2006	Per cent Change	OCTOBER 2005	2006	Per cent Change	NOVEMBER 2005	2006	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total Number Sold, seasonally adj.	203,035	227,411	12.0	18,221	20,995	15.2	18,844	20,209	7.2
Total Number Sold, unadjusted	203,566	227,144	11.6	16,986	19,600	15.4	18,622	19,007	2.1
Passenger Vehicles	74,425	79,317	6.6	6,299	6,652	5.6	6,136	5,911	-3.7
Commercial Vehicles	129,141	147,827	14.5	10,687	12,948	21.2	12,486	13,096	4.9

Note: Commercial vehicles include minivans, sport-utility vehicles, light and heavy trucks, vans, coaches and buses. Passenger vehicles also include taxis and rental cars.

WHOLESALE TRADE ($000,000)	JANUARY - OCTOBER 2005	2006	Per cent Change	SEPTEMBER 2005	2006	Per cent Change	OCTOBER 2005	2006	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total All Merchants, seasonally adj.	44,912	51,349	14.3	4,684	5,242	11.7	4,707	5,173	9.9

RETAIL AND WHOLESALE TRADE

NEW MOTOR VEHICLE SALES

MULTIPLE LISTING SERVICE (MLS) HOUSING RESALES	JANUARY - NOVEMBER			OCTOBER			NOVEMBER		
	2005	2006	Per cent Change	2005	2006	Per cent Change	2005	2006	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total	62,232	69,672	12.0	5,221	5,583	6.9	5,296	5,252	-0.8
Calgary	29,692	31,012	4.4	2,584	2,122	-17.9	2,617	2,316	-11.5
Edmonton	17,726	20,910	18.0	1,333	1,890	41.8	1,445	1,574	8.9
Total Value ($000,000)	13,515.4	19,785.8	46.4	1,151.6	1,687.2	46.5	1,207.2	1,617.1	34.0
Calgary	7,403.3	10,721.0	44.8	657.6	793.8	20.7	691.9	835.2	20.7
Edmonton	3,434.1	5,200.2	51.4	263.5	522.9	98.4	286.5	444.6	55.2

HOUSING STARTS (urban)	JANUARY - DECEMBER			NOVEMBER			DECEMBER		
	2005	2006	Per cent Change	2005	2006	Per cent Change	2005	2006	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total	34,301	40,882	19.2	2,952	4,041	36.9	2,663	2,775	4.2
Single Detached	20,819	24,850	19.4	1,786	1,679	-6.0	1,753	1,608	-8.3
All Others*	13,482	16,032	18.9	1,166	2,362	102.6	910	1,167	28.2
Calgary	13,667	17,046	24.7	1,100	1,497	36.1	925	1,499	62.1
Edmonton	13,294	14,970	12.6	1,236	1,883	52.3	1,121	681	-39.3

* Includes: two-family, row, and apartment dwellings

BUILDING PERMITS ($000,000)	JANUARY - NOVEMBER			OCTOBER			NOVEMBER		
	2005	2006	Per cent Change	2005	2006	Per cent Change	2005	2006	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total Value, seasonally adjusted	9,137.6	12,638.0	38.3	957.3	1,313.6	37.2	933.9	1,300.3	39.2
Total Value, unadjusted	9,337.3	12,785.2	36.9	986.1	1,394.6	41.4	919.5	1,275.3	38.7
Calgary	3,542.8	5,038.8	42.2	291.8	515.9	76.8	367.8	495.3	34.7
Edmonton	2,654.1	3,321.6	25.2	346.3	355.2	2.6	235.5	390.2	65.7
Residential	5,532.0	7,651.8	38.3	517.1	754.3	45.9	546.4	678.9	24.2
Calgary	2,122.9	2,807.0	32.2	201.1	225.9	12.3	227.1	261.3	15.1
Edmonton	1738.1	2,312.2	33.0	157.5	238.7	51.6	176.2	196.1	11.3
Industrial	821.0	893.2	8.8	55.1	61.5	11.5	112.5	69.9	-37.9
Calgary	167.8	139.2	-17.1	15.2	9.3	-38.7	23.6	8.3	-65.0
Edmonton	135.1	165.3	22.3	17.8	21.0	18.1	9.6	11.6	20.6
Commercial	2,124.3	3,254.2	53.2	273.0	497.2	82.2	231.9	384.9	66.0
Calgary	870.6	1543.4	77.3	55.3	277.5	401.7	113.2	178.0	57.3
Edmonton	463.2	662.7	43.1	61.1	83.4	36.6	37.5	123.5	229.0
Institutional/Government	859.9	986.1	14.7	141.0	81.7	-42.0	28.7	141.7	392.8
Calgary	381.5	549.1	43.9	20.1	3.1	-84.4	3.9	47.7	1128.2
Edmonton	317.6	181.4	-42.9	110.0	12.1	-89.0	12.2	59.0	385.1

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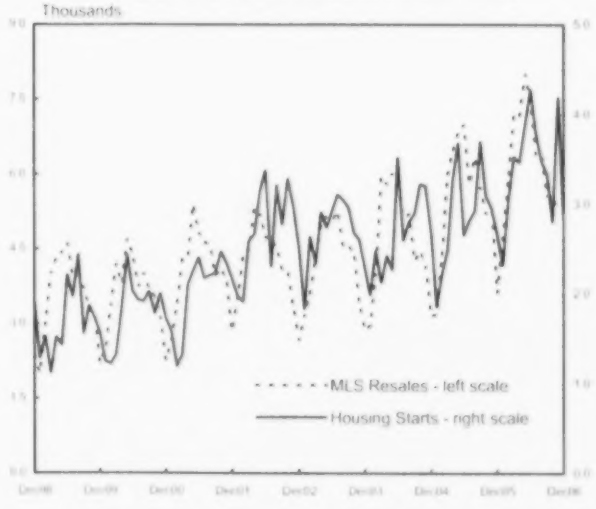

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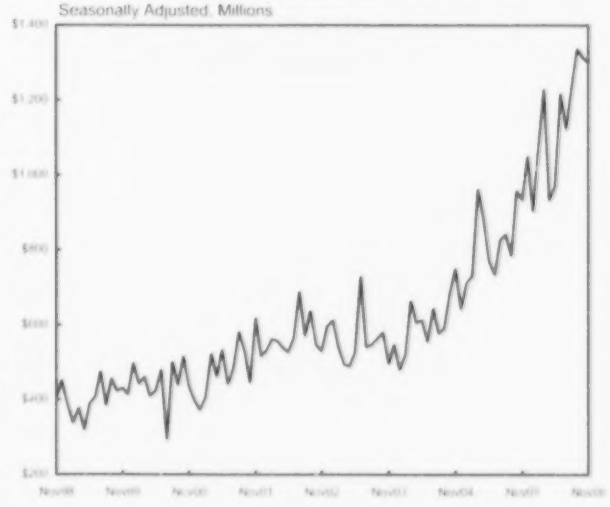

MANUFACTURING (Value of shipments of goods of own manufacture $000,000)	JANUARY - OCTOBER			SEPTEMBER			OCTOBER		
	2005	2006	Per cent Change	2005	2006	Per cent Change	2005	2006	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total, seasonally adjusted	49,290.9	53,722.5	9.0	5,135.1	5,344.0	4.1	5,373.4	5,242.2	-2.4
Total, unadjusted	49,273.3	53,869.5	9.3	5,152.5	5,338.3	3.6	5,548.6	5,467.3	-1.5
Food	7,309.7	7,274.1	-0.5	712.6	733.0	2.9	674.6	749.2	11.0
Beverage	698.0	750.9	7.6	69.5	72.8	4.7	64.7	67.1	3.7
Plastics & Rubber Products	1,210.6	1,344.5	11.1	132.7	135.6	2.2	154.8	143.4	-7.4
Primary Metal	1,552.0	1,830.1	17.9	148.4	188.8	27.2	163.6	187.7	14.7
Metal Fabricating	3,185.4	3,775.5	18.5	336.3	383.2	13.9	377.6	431.1	14.2
Printing & Publishing	733.2	761.6	3.9	75.9	71.8	-5.4	86.8	83.8	-3.5
Non-Metallic Mineral Products	1,391.7	1,525.8	9.6	185.1	170.5	-7.9	177.0	178.3	0.7
Petroleum & Coal Products	10,625.9	11,390.4	7.2	1,191.4	1,140.6	-4.3	1,177.6	1,074.5	-8.8
Chemicals & Chemical Products	10,347.5	12,442.3	20.2	1,080.6	1,207.3	11.7	1,396.1	1,290.8	-7.5
Wood	2,896.2	2,807.0	-3.1	282.8	256.7	-9.2	272.5	245.4	-9.9
Furniture and Fixtures	751.4	757.0	0.7	81.9	80.6	-1.5	95.9	83.0	-13.4
Paper & Allied	1,410.5	1,513.3	7.3	142.5	160.1	12.3	143.7	171.8	19.6
Computers & Electronics	1,111.3	861.9	-22.4	113.0	91.2	-19.2	97.6	91.8	-6.0
Transportation Equipment	629.9	689.5	9.5	62.7	62.5	-0.2	63.9	68.0	6.6
Machinery	3,738.9	4,595.7	22.9	415.2	429.0	3.3	432.6	426.5	-1.4
Other Manufacturing*	1,681.1	1,549.7	-7.8	121.9	154.3	26.6	169.6	174.8	3.1

*Other Manufacturing is derived residually, by deducting the sum of the above industries from the total for all manufacturing

AGRICULTURE Farm Cash Receipts ($000,000)	JANUARY - SEPTEMBER			APRIL - JUNE			JULY - SEPTEMBER		
	2005	2006	Per cent Change	2005	2006	Per cent Change	2005	2006	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total From Operations	5,890.5	5,859.4	-0.5	2,044.8	1,845.2	-9.8	1,785.3	1,954.8	9.5
Crops	1,677.6	1,796.9	7.1	533.9	629.8	17.9	441.3	572.1	29.6
Wheat, other than Durum	443.6	460.8	3.9	178.2	211.0	18.4	99.0	126.1	27.4
Durum Wheat	94.5	78.9	-16.5	52.1	37.7	-27.7	28.4	29.4	3.4
Barley	100.6	77.3	-23.1	25.4	25.4	0.3	23.7	23.8	0.4
Canola	481.0	702.5	46.1	146.9	224.6	52.9	154.4	253.4	64.1
Livestock	3,286.1	3,354.4	2.1	1,056.7	1,112.4	5.3	1,199.5	1,117.0	-6.9
Cattle and Calves	2,250.8	2,391.4	6.2	715.9	799.2	11.6	842.1	775.2	-7.9
Hogs	419.1	377.2	-10.0	148.2	129.9	-12.3	136.8	129.7	-5.2
Dairy Products	295.8	279.7	-5.5	101.4	91.9	-9.3	94.3	94.3	0.0
Poultry	158.5	156.3	-1.4	52.7	53.4	1.3	55.6	52.5	-5.5
Direct/Program Payments	926.8	708.1	-23.6	454.2	103.0	-77.3	144.5	265.8	83.9

Note: Wheat, Durum Wheat and Barley receipts include Canadian Wheat Board payments.

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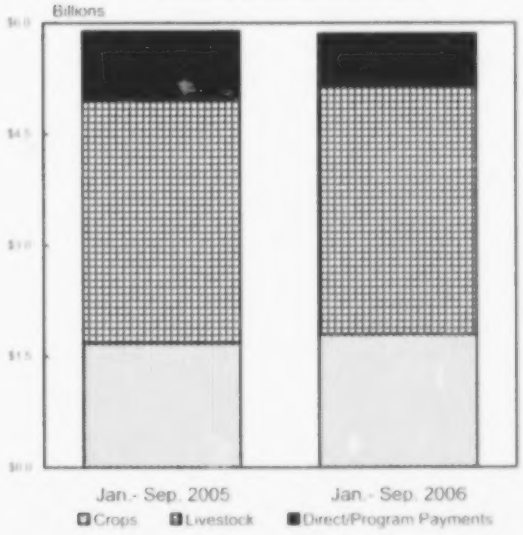

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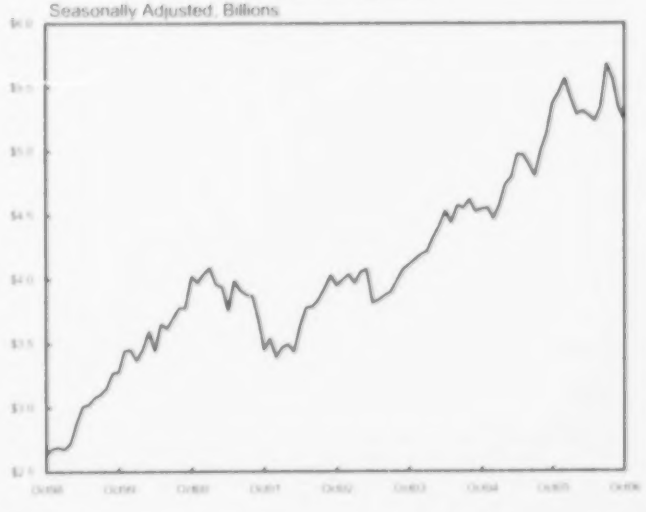

ENERGY PRODUCTION AND DELIVERIES	JANUARY - AUGUST			JULY			AUGUST		
	2005	2006	Per cent Change	2005	2006	Per cent Change	2005	2006	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Natural Gas									
Production (million m^3)	111.475	111.678	0.2	13.918	13.803	-0.8	13.934	13.965	0.2
Deliveries (million m^3)	85.578	89.874	5.0	10.836	11.273	4.0	11.098	11.196	0.9
Crude Oil and Equivalents*									
Production ('000 m^3)	63.454	68.995	8.7	8.194	8.968	9.4	8.464	9.436	11.5
Deliveries ('000 m^3)	64.252	70.881	10.3	8.555	9.241	8.0	8.353	9.496	13.7

*Includes Conventional Light/Medium and Heavy, Bitumen, Synthetic, Condensate and Pentanes Plus

RIG ACTIVITY	JANUARY - DECEMBER AVERAGE			NOVEMBER			DECEMBER		
	2005	2006	Per cent Change	2005	2006	Per cent Change	2005	2006	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Rig Counts									
Drilling	381	371	-2.6	491	340	-30.7	523	380	-27.5
Available	569	622	9.3	589	644	9.2	583	647	11.0

ENERGY PRICES	ANNUAL AVERAGES		2005			2006			Annual % Change
	2005	2006	OCT	NOV	DEC	OCT	NOV	DEC	
West Texas Intermediate Crude Oil Price (US$/Barrel)	56.56	66.02	62.27	58.34	59.45	59.14	59.47	59.70	0.4
Natural Gas Reference Price (C$/GJ)	7.87	n/a	11.38	10.81	10.54	4.40	n/a	n/a	-61.3

Note: Annual % Change is a comparison of the latest month for which data are available with the same month of the previous year.

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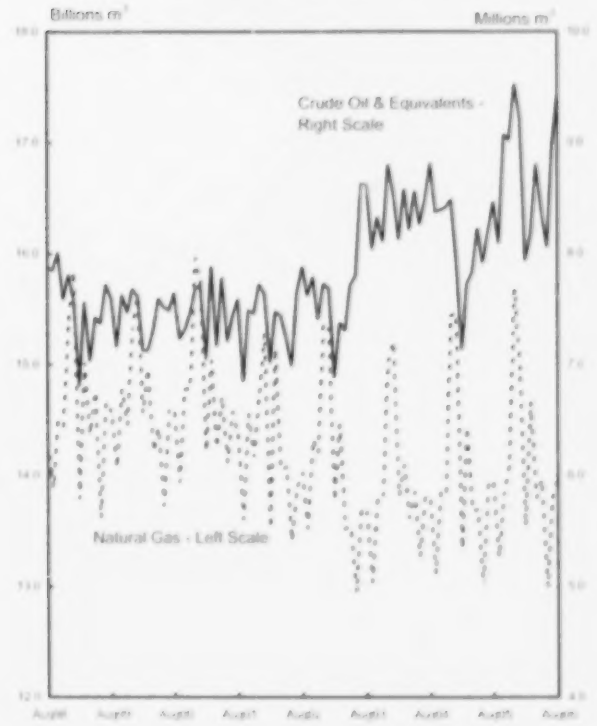

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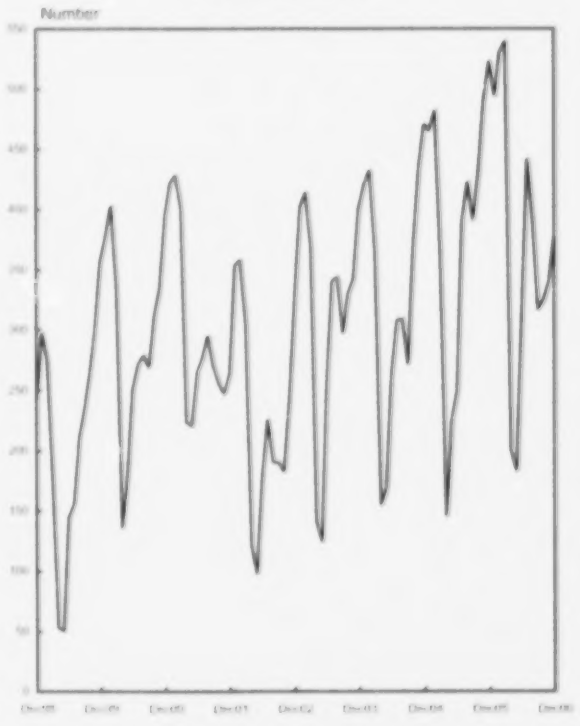

EXPORTS By Commodity Groups ($000,000)	JANUARY - NOVEMBER			OCTOBER			NOVEMBER		
	2005	2006	Per cent Change	2005	2006	Per cent Change	2005	2006	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total - all commodities	71,560.5	74,980.1	4.8	8,244.8	6,810.3	-17.4	7,672.4	6,882.7	-10.3
Agricultural Products	4,350.4	4,774.1	9.7	457.5	512.1	11.9	435.9	464.1	6.5
Energy Products	51,024.9	53,109.3	4.1	6,312.5	4,779.5	-24.3	5,757.3	4,799.0	-16.6
Forestry Products	2,665.9	2,313.1	-13.2	249.1	202.5	-18.7	233.1	179.2	-23.1
Industrial Goods	8,769.1	9,533.8	8.7	803.9	819.7	2.0	799.0	884.3	10.7
Machinery and Equipment	3,550.6	3,917.4	10.3	305.8	375.1	22.7	325.6	442.5	35.9
Automotive Products	446.1	491.3	10.1	44.0	49.0	11.4	43.7	38.0	-13.0
Consumer Goods	172.6	198.5	15.0	17.8	19.4	9.0	18.0	18.7	3.9
Special Transactions	580.8	642.7	10.7	54.2	53.1	-2.0	59.8	56.8	-5.0

Note: Estimates in the "Commodities" table come from published sources; previous month estimates are not current and may not match estimates in the "Countries" table.

EXPORTS Top 10 Countries ($000,000)	JANUARY - NOVEMBER			OCTOBER			NOVEMBER		
	2005	2006	Per cent Change	2005	2006	Per cent Change	2005	2006	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total - all countries	71,560.5	74,980.1	4.8	8,244.8	6,897.1	-16.3	7,672.4	6,882.7	-10.3
United States	64,086.3	66,894.1	4.4	7,592.8	6,029.7	-20.6	6,984.6	6,050.5	-13.4
China	1,897.9	1,878.7	-1.0	131.1	274.0	109.0	115.4	233.1	102.0
Japan	1,244.2	1,189.9	-4.4	135.2	109.6	-18.9	121.4	119.3	-1.7
Mexico	470.1	553.5	17.7	56.7	74.4	31.1	54.9	52.7	-4.0
Korea, South	508.6	390.9	-23.2	28.0	31.9	13.8	39.2	35.7	-8.9
Netherlands	191.6	275.3	43.7	4.3	15.4	260.2	23.1	23.3	0.7
United Kingdom	199.1	221.8	11.4	16.0	21.3	33.2	15.8	17.6	11.3
Taiwan	169.2	164.0	-3.1	15.8	18.0	14.0	12.8	10.2	-20.0
Singapore	100.9	160.3	58.9	9.1	9.2	1.3	10.7	6.9	-35.5
Australia	127.9	155.2	21.3	16.5	12.4	-24.6	6.9	27.4	294.9
All Other Countries	2,564.7	3,096.3	20.7	239.3	301.1	25.8	287.5	306.0	6.4

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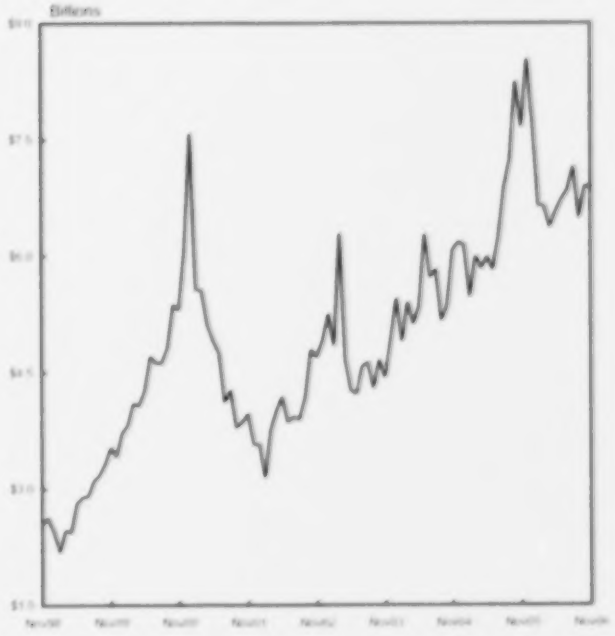

ALBERTA EXPORTS BY COUNTRY

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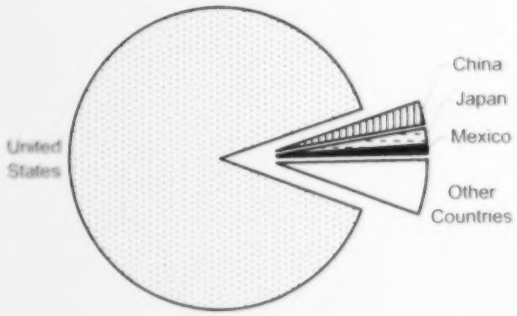

BANKRUPTCIES	JANUARY - NOVEMBER			OCTOBER			NOVEMBER		
	2005	2006	Per cent Change	2005	2006	Per cent Change	2005	2006	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Business									
Number	1,115	629	-43.6	67	53	-20.9	59	30	-49.2
Value ($'000)	265,061	136,286	-48.6	14,120	8,875	-37.1	10,981	9,219	-16.0
Consumer (number)	7,129	4,939	-30.7	611	424	-30.6	585	388	-33.7

BUSINESS INCORPORATIONS	JANUARY - DECEMBER			NOVEMBER			DECEMBER		
	2005	2006	Per cent Change	2005	2006	Per cent Change	2005	2006	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Number of Business Incorporations	40,325	48,207	19.5	3,659	3,978	8.7	3,801	3,687	-3.0
Alberta Corporations	38,038	45,527	19.7	3,458	3,708	7.2	3,614	3,486	-3.5
Non-Alberta Corporations	2,287	2,680	17.2	201	270	34.3	187	201	7.5

INTERNATIONAL TRAVELERS, NON-RESIDENTS ENTERING ALBERTA	JANUARY - OCTOBER			SEPTEMBER			OCTOBER		
	2005	2006	Per cent Change	2005	2006	Per cent Change	2005	2006	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total (includes same-day)	888,684	846,030	-4.8	103,672	92,610	-10.7	58,375	60,983	4.5
Total (excludes same-day)	808,001	775,651	-4.0	92,745	84,340	-9.1	54,304	56,750	4.5
U.S.A. (excludes same-day)	542,896	520,257	-4.2	56,860	54,149	-4.8	36,728	40,327	9.8
United Kingdom	115,488	109,890	-4.8	13,352	11,401	-14.6	4,943	4,769	-3.5
Germany	32,942	28,783	-12.6	4,469	4,180	-6.5	1,276	1,293	1.3
Japan	29,572	23,216	-21.5	7,966	4,907	-38.4	5,960	4,307	-27.7
Netherlands	14,520	14,338	-1.3	2,087	1,453	-30.4	562	556	-1.1
Australia	10,160	10,188	0.3	1,199	1,198	-0.1	574	882	53.7
Mexico	4,774	6,957	45.7	587	668	13.8	409	380	-7.1
Switzerland	7,645	6,588	-13.8	636	631	-0.8	293	220	-24.9

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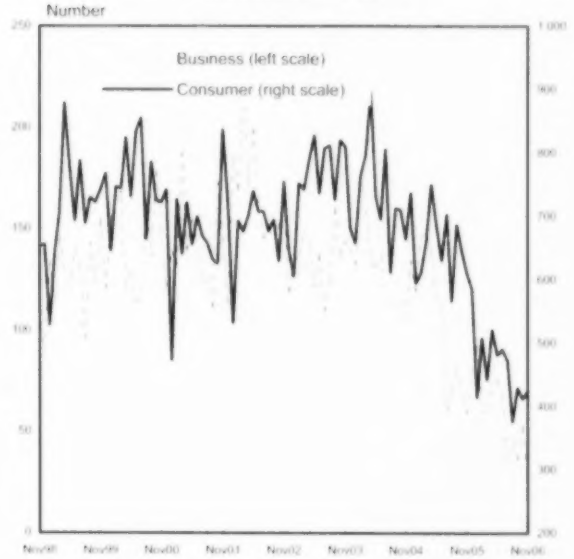

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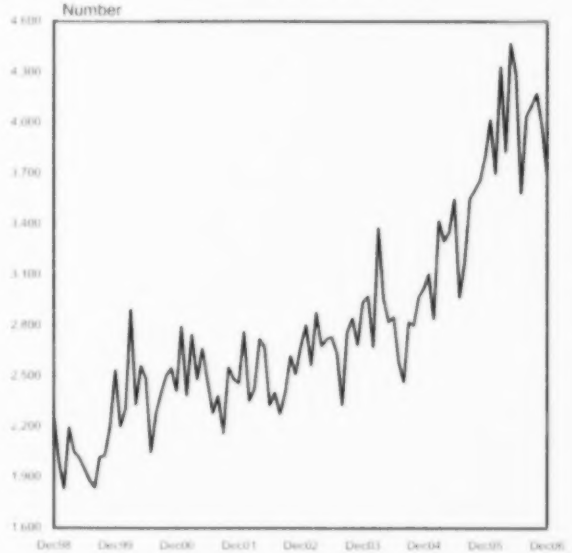

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (1992=100)	ANNUAL RATES			2005	2006				% Change
	2003	2004	2005	NOV	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	NOV'05 - NOV'06
Alberta									
All Items	129.7	131.5	134.3	136.1	141.4	141.7	140.3	141.2	3.7
Food	122.1	123.9	126.1	126.8	130.7	131.2	131.4	132.2	4.3
Shelter	132.2	134.4	138.8	144.2	154.5	160.5	158.7	161.2	11.8
Energy	172.4	179.1	197.0	206.8	222.8	210.6	189.4	195.5	-5.5
All Items, excl. Food and Energy	127.2	128.6	130.4	131.7	136.5	137.7	137.7	138.2	4.9
Edmonton	128.4	129.7	132.4	134.2	137.7	137.9	136.8	137.7	2.6
Calgary	130.2	132.5	135.1	136.9	143.9	144.3	142.8	143.7	5.0

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (2000=100)	ANNUAL RATES			2005		2006			Annual
Selected Countries	2003	2004	2005	SEP	OCT	AUG	SEP	OCT	% Change
Canada	107.8	109.7	112.2	113.7	113.2	115.1	114.5	n/a	0.7
United States	106.8	109.7	113.4	115.4	115.7	118.4	117.8	117.2	1.3
Germany	104.5	106.2	108.3	109.1	109.1	110.6	110.2	110.3	1.1
United Kingdom	106.5	109.7	112.8	113.4	113.5	117.0	117.5	117.7	3.7
France	105.8	108.0	110.0	110.8	110.7	112.4	112.1	111.9	1.1
Japan	98.1	98.1	97.8	98.0	98.1	98.6	98.6	n/a	0.6

EXCHANGE RATES (in $Cdn)	ANNUAL RATES			2005	2006				% Change
	2004	2005	2006	DEC	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	DEC'05 - DEC'06
United States	1.3013	1.2114	1.1344	1.1610	1.1162	1.1286	1.1362	1.1530	0.7
Japan	0.0120	0.0110	0.0098	0.0098	0.0095	0.0095	0.0097	0.0098	-0.4
European Monetary Union (EURO)	1.6169	1.5085	1.4244	1.3771	1.4199	1.4239	1.4650	1.5230	-9.6
United Kingdom	2.3837	2.2057	2.0898	2.0277	2.1026	2.1176	2.1737	2.2635	-10.4

INTEREST RATES (Prime Rates)	ANNUAL RATES			2005	2006				% Change
	2004	2005	2006	DEC	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	DEC'05 - DEC'06
Canada	4.00	4.42	5.81	5.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	1.00
United States	4.40	6.23	7.98	7.25	8.25	8.25	8.25	8.25	1.00

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, ALBERTA

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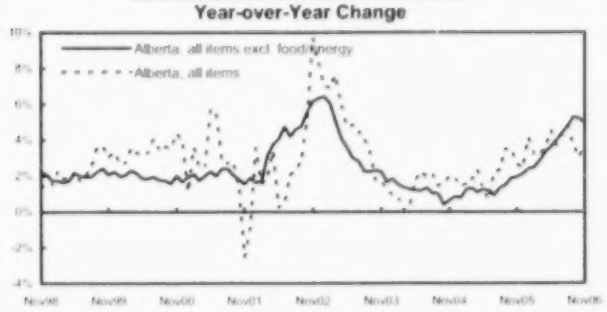

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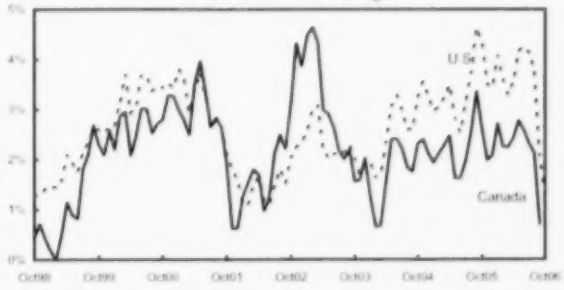

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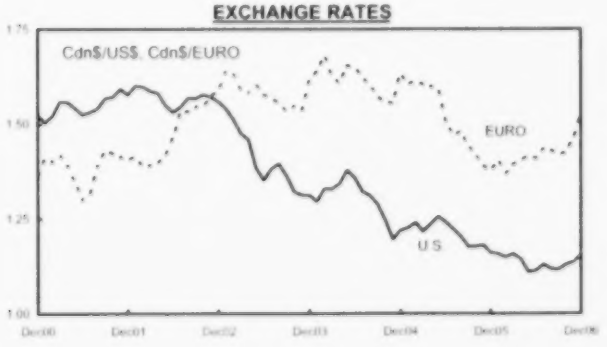

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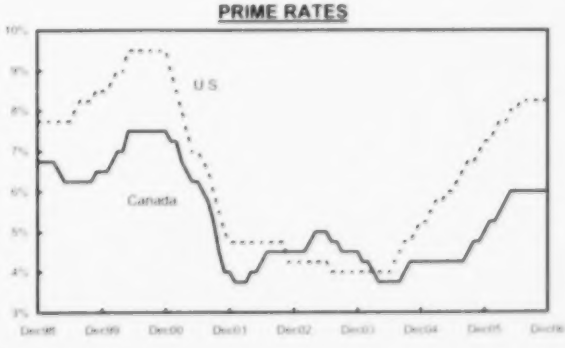

INTERPROVINCIAL COMPARISONS OF ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	NL	PE	NS	NB	QC	ON	MB	SK	AB	BC	CAN
POPULATION ('000s)											
OCTOBER 1, 2005	514	138	936	751	7,616	12,606	1,175	989	3,302	4,275	32,406
OCTOBER 1, 2006	509	139	934	748	7,669	12,722	1,178	986	3,413	4,327	32,730
Percent Change	-0.9	0.2	-0.2	-0.4	0.7	0.9	0.3	-0.3	3.4	1.2	1.0
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE* (%)											
DECEMBER 2005	15.4	11.1	8.5	9.6	8.2	6.2	4.2	5.3	4.2	5.1	6.5
DECEMBER 2006	13.8	12.4	7.3	8.5	7.5	6.1	4.1	4.0	3.3	5.2	6.1
EMPLOYED* ('000s)											
DECEMBER 2005	211	69	441	355	3,755	6,433	584	480	1,800	2,167	16,295
DECEMBER 2006	219	69	445	354	3,789	6,546	588	503	1,908	2,218	16,640
Percent Change	3.8	0.0	0.9	-0.3	0.9	1.8	0.7	4.8	6.0	2.4	2.1
EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE* (Average Number of Beneficiaries)											
JANUARY - OCTOBER 2005	38,196	8,308	29,848	34,673	176,800	132,326	12,430	11,124	22,948	51,226	519,908
JANUARY - OCTOBER 2006	38,264	8,303	29,210	33,297	173,272	128,436	10,921	9,804	18,889	41,758	493,602
Percent Change	0.2	-0.1	-2.1	-4.0	-2.0	-2.9	-12.1	-11.9	-17.7	-18.5	-5.1

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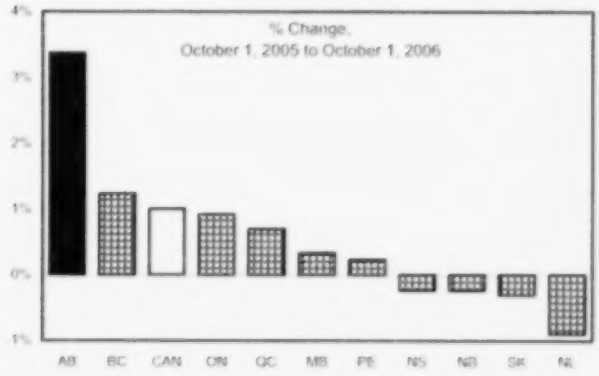

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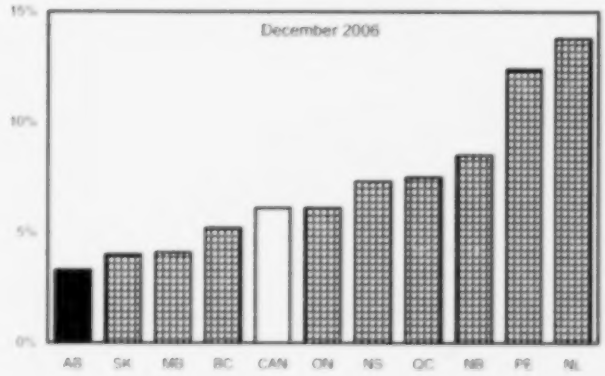

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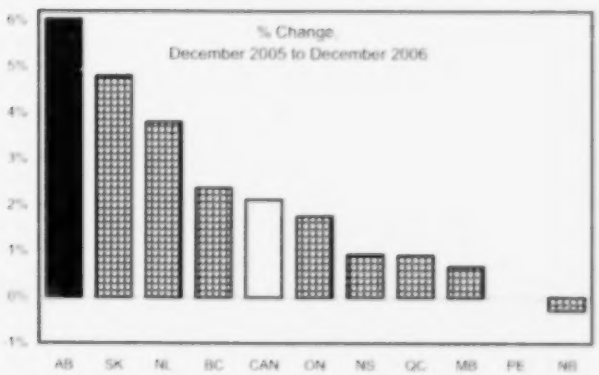

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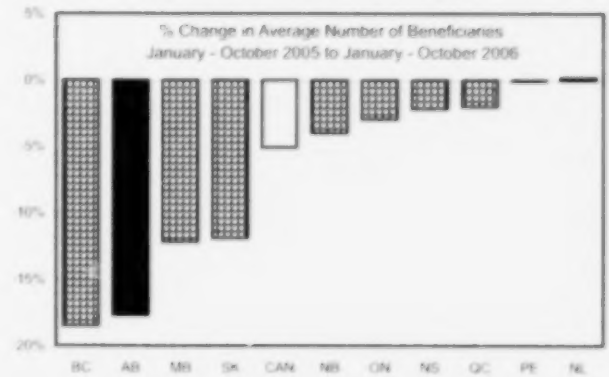

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INTERPROVINCIAL COMPARISONS OF ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	NL	PE	NS	NB	QC	ON	MB	SK	AB	BC	CAN
WAGES AND SALARIES* ($000,000)											
JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2005	4,992	1,426	10,325	8,107	93,282	187,120	13,875	10,991	59,151	54,997	446,618
JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2006	5,210	1,465	10,762	8,438	97,232	196,008	14,474	11,743	65,857	59,440	473,074
Percent Change	4.4	2.7	4.2	4.1	4.2	4.7	4.3	6.8	11.3	8.1	5.9
RETAIL TRADE* ($000,000)											
JANUARY - OCTOBER 2005	4,891	1,187	8,813	6,988	69,288	112,471	10,376	9,213	40,234	41,521	306,044
JANUARY - OCTOBER 2006	4,999	1,232	9,416	7,363	72,422	117,023	10,937	9,735	46,945	44,312	325,480
Percent Change	2.2	3.8	6.8	5.4	4.5	4.0	5.4	5.7	16.7	6.7	6.4
NEW MOTOR VEHICLE SALES* (Number)											
JANUARY - NOVEMBER 2005	22,777	4,488	42,353	31,409	374,269	566,474	42,595	36,074	203,035	171,346	1,494,819
JANUARY - NOVEMBER 2006	22,017	4,502	44,622	32,235	366,651	565,114	41,805	36,660	227,411	177,630	1,518,644
Percent Change	-3.3	0.3	5.4	2.6	-2.0	-0.2	-1.9	1.6	12.0	3.7	1.6
WHOLESALE TRADE* ($000,000)											
JANUARY - OCTOBER 2005	2,149	454	5,207	4,064	75,314	196,384	10,437	11,318	44,912	39,071	389,579
JANUARY - OCTOBER 2006	2,254	354	5,440	4,056	77,851	211,595	10,126	11,128	51,349	42,507	416,974
Percent Change	4.8	-22.0	4.5	-0.2	3.4	7.7	-3.0	-1.7	14.3	8.8	7.0

Note: New Motor Vehicle Sales for British Columbia include automobile sales for the Canadian Territories.

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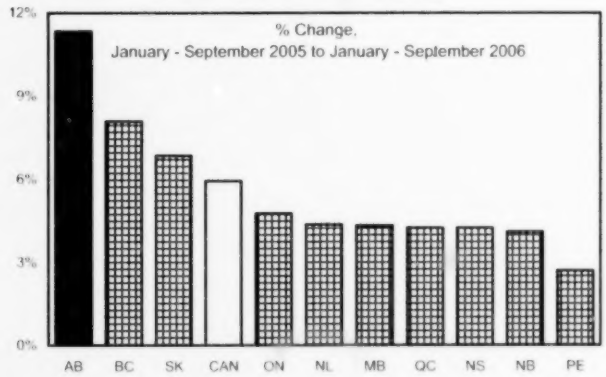

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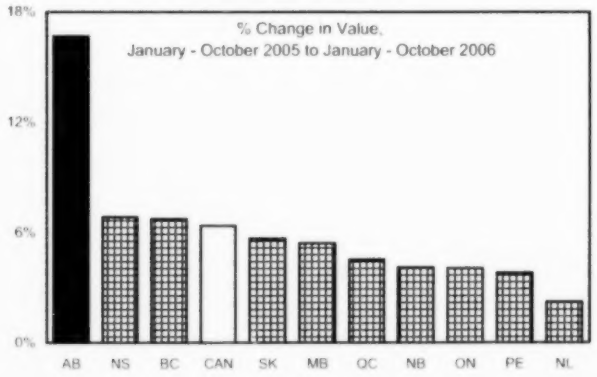

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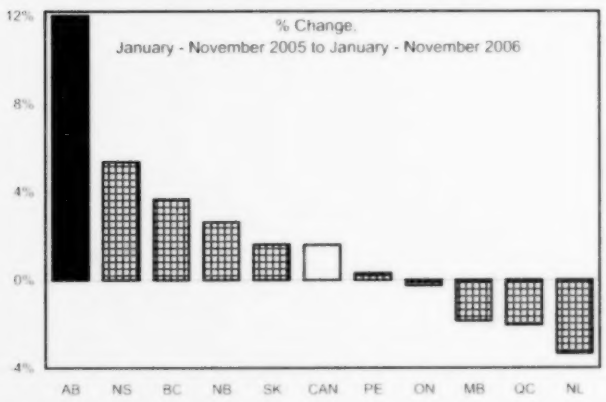

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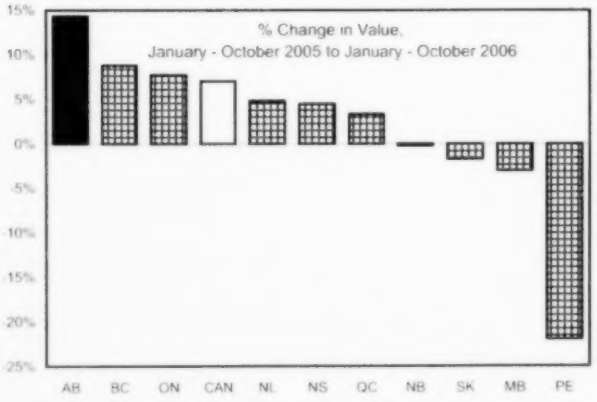

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INTERPROVINCIAL COMPARISONS OF ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	NL	PE	NS	NB	QC	ON	MB	SK	AB	BC	CAN
URBAN HOUSING STARTS (Number)											
JANUARY - DECEMBER 2005	1,761	554	3,257	2,669	41,252	73,177	2,879	2,502	34,301	31,119	193,471
JANUARY - DECEMBER 2006	1,493	523	3,327	2,872	39,486	67,769	3,175	2,914	40,882	32,463	194,904
Percent Change	-15.2	-5.6	2.1	7.6	-4.3	-7.4	10.3	16.5	19.2	4.3	0.7
BUILDING PERMITS* ($000,000)											
JANUARY - NOVEMBER 2005	461	227	1,091	772	10,421	21,237	1,035	809	9,138	9,292	54,484
JANUARY - NOVEMBER 2006	525	198	1,184	887	10,878	21,431	1,282	1,067	12,638	10,968	61,059
Percent Change	13.9	-12.6	8.6	14.9	4.4	0.9	23.8	31.9	38.3	18.0	12.1
MANUFACTURING* (value of shipments of goods of own manufacture, $000,000)											
JANUARY - OCTOBER 2005	1,938	1,068	8,280	12,502	114,057	250,563	11,657	8,144	49,291	34,064	491,664
JANUARY - OCTOBER 2006	1,735	1,116	7,820	12,402	117,429	239,027	11,645	8,787	53,722	35,050	488,974
Percent Change	-10.5	4.4	-5.6	-0.8	3.0	-4.6	-0.1	7.9	9.0	2.9	-0.5
AGRICULTURE (Farm Cash Receipts from farming operations $000,000)											
JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2005	42	187	344	314	4,674	6,657	2,759	4,447	5,891	1,712	27,130
JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2006	46	210	339	333	4,698	6,376	2,562	4,667	5,859	1,705	26,898
Percent Change	8.9	12.3	-1.2	6.0	0.5	-4.2	-7.1	5.0	-0.5	-0.5	-0.9

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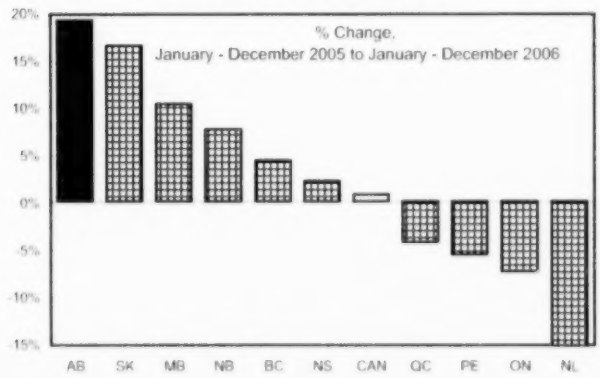

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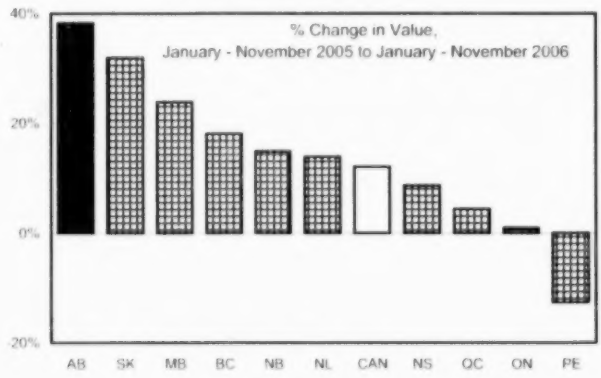

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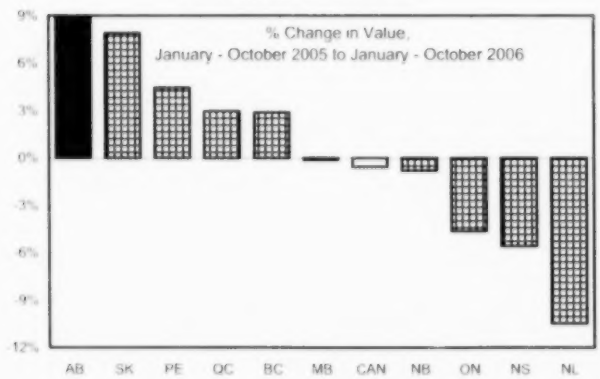

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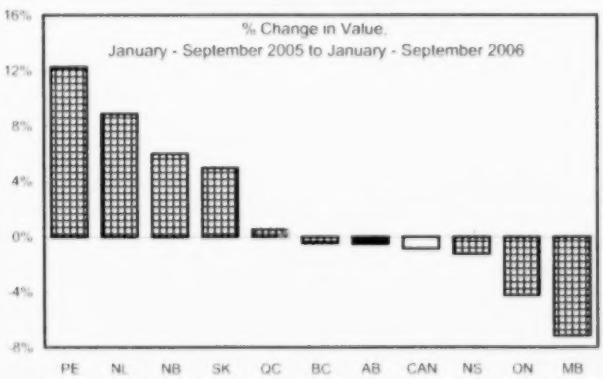

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INTERPROVINCIAL COMPARISONS OF ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	NL	PE	NS	NB	QC	ON	MB	SK	AB	BC	CAN
EXPORTS ($000,000)											
JANUARY - NOVEMBER 2005	4,191	706	5,146	9,895	61,163	165,922	8,869	12,733	71,561	30,979	372,852
JANUARY - NOVEMBER 2006	4,449	709	4,564	9,473	63,551	162,764	10,377	13,943	74,980	30,674	376,781
Percent Change	6.2	0.3	-11.3	-4.3	3.9	-1.9	17.0	9.5	4.8	-1.0	1.1
CONSUMER BANKRUPTCIES (Number)											
JANUARY - NOVEMBER 2005	2,518	293	3,739	2,410	21,775	28,904	2,299	1,946	7,129	7,657	78,739
JANUARY - NOVEMBER 2006	2,275	310	3,276	2,278	22,757	27,607	2,081	1,661	4,939	6,584	73,829
Percent Change	-9.7	5.8	-12.4	-5.5	4.5	-4.5	-9.5	-14.6	-30.7	-14.0	-6.2
BUSINESS BANKRUPTCIES (Number)											
JANUARY - NOVEMBER 2005	53	36	252	182	1,584	2,521	139	340	1,115	726	6,958
JANUARY - NOVEMBER 2006	44	36	225	176	1,679	2,479	148	275	629	550	6,248
Percent Change	-17.0	0.0	-10.7	-3.3	6.0	-1.7	6.5	-19.1	-43.6	-24.2	-10.2
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (1992=100)											
NOVEMBER 2005	126.9	130.3	130.7	128.3	124.2	129.1	132.0	132.8	136.1	126.2	128.2
NOVEMBER 2006	128.0	130.7	132.2	128.5	125.5	130.5	134.2	134.5	141.2	128.1	130.0
Percent Change	0.9	0.3	1.1	0.2	1.0	1.1	1.7	1.3	3.7	1.5	1.4

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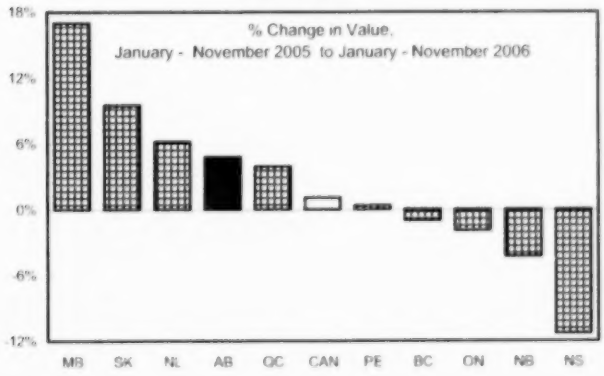

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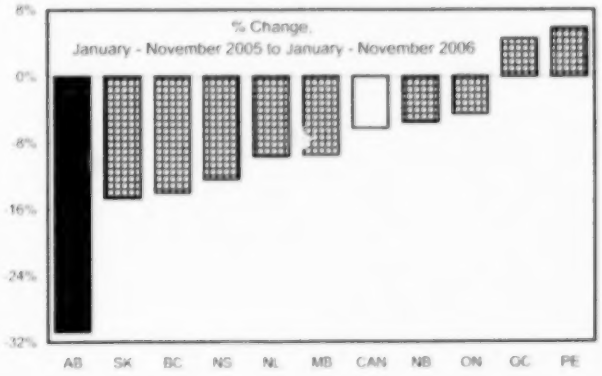

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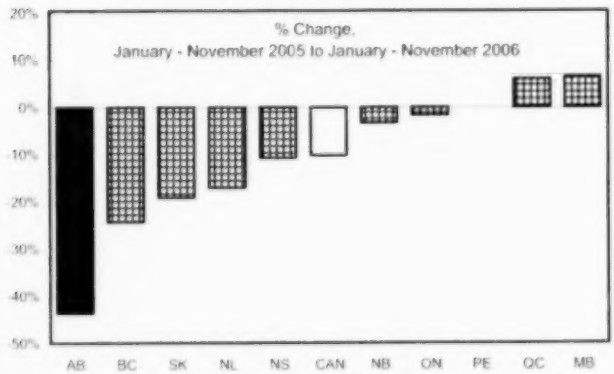

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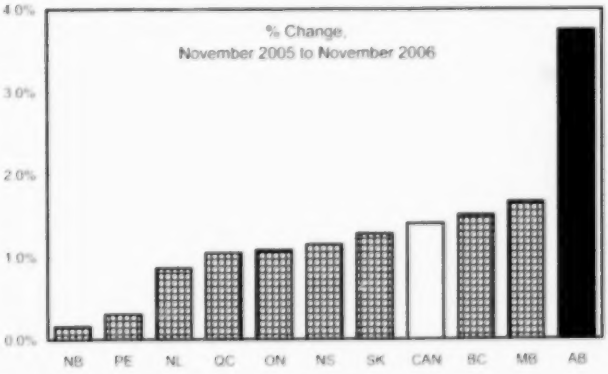

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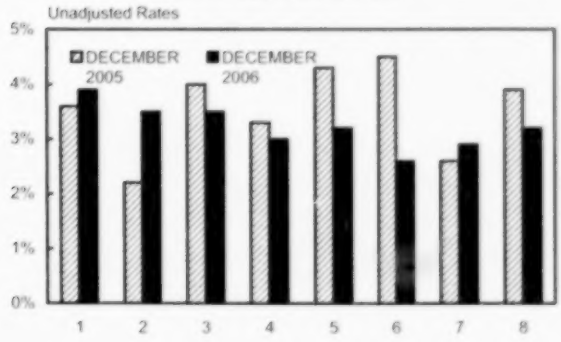
REGIONAL ECONOMIC INDICATORS

LABOUR FORCE, ALBERTA REGIONS (unadjusted, 3-month moving average)	DECEMBER 2005	DECEMBER 2006
Labour Force (000s)		
1) Wood Buffalo - Cold Lake	63.2	66.4
2) Athabasca - Grande Prairie	132.2	132.2
3) Edmonton Region	588.3	617.2
4) Red Deer Region	98.2	101.2
5) Banff - Jasper - Rocky Mountain House	49.2	53.0
6) Calgary Region	690.3	743.8
7) Camrose - Drumheller	105.8	108.7
8) Lethbridge - Medicine Hat	142.1	142.0
Employed (000s)		
1) Wood Buffalo - Cold Lake	61.0	63.8
2) Athabasca - Grande Prairie	129.4	127.6
3) Edmonton Region	564.5	595.4
4) Red Deer Region	95.1	98.2
5) Banff - Jasper - Rocky Mountain House	47.1	51.3
6) Calgary Region	659.0	724.5
7) Camrose - Drumheller	103.1	105.5
8) Lethbridge - Medicine Hat	136.5	137.4
Unemployment Rate		
1) Wood Buffalo - Cold Lake	3.6%	3.9%
2) Athabasca - Grande Prairie	2.2%	3.5%
3) Edmonton Region	4.0%	3.5%
4) Red Deer Region	3.3%	3.0%
5) Banff - Jasper - Rocky Mountain House	4.3%	3.2%
6) Calgary Region	4.5%	2.6%
7) Camrose - Drumheller	2.6%	2.9%
8) Lethbridge - Medicine Hat	3.9%	3.2%
Participation Rate		
1) Wood Buffalo - Cold Lake	74.8%	74.8%
2) Athabasca - Grande Prairie	76.2%	73.5%
3) Edmonton Region	69.1%	69.9%
4) Red Deer Region	74.2%	73.1%
5) Banff - Jasper - Rocky Mountain House	75.8%	79.3%
6) Calgary Region	74.2%	76.6%
7) Camrose - Drumheller	71.3%	71.2%
8) Lethbridge - Medicine Hat	72.4%	69.9%

Population (July/2005)	
1) Wood Buffalo - Cold Lake	118,174
2) Athabasca - Grande Prairie	238,435
3) Edmonton Region	1,058,655
4) Red Deer Region	170,392
5) Banff - Jasper	83,793
6) Calgary Region	1,141,996
7) Camrose - Drumheller	190,410
8) Lethbridge - Medicine Hat	254,961
5-year Population Growth (2000-2005)	
1) Wood Buffalo - Cold Lake	12.6%
2) Athabasca - Grande Prairie	5.5%
3) Edmonton Region	7.2%
4) Red Deer Region	10.6%
5) Banff - Jasper	1.9%
6) Calgary Region	11.7%
7) Camrose - Drumheller	2.7%
8) Lethbridge - Medicine Hat	5.1%

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE ALBERTA REGIONS



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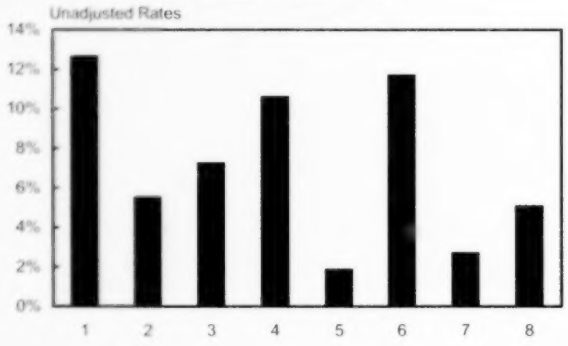


REGIONAL ECONOMIC INDICATORS

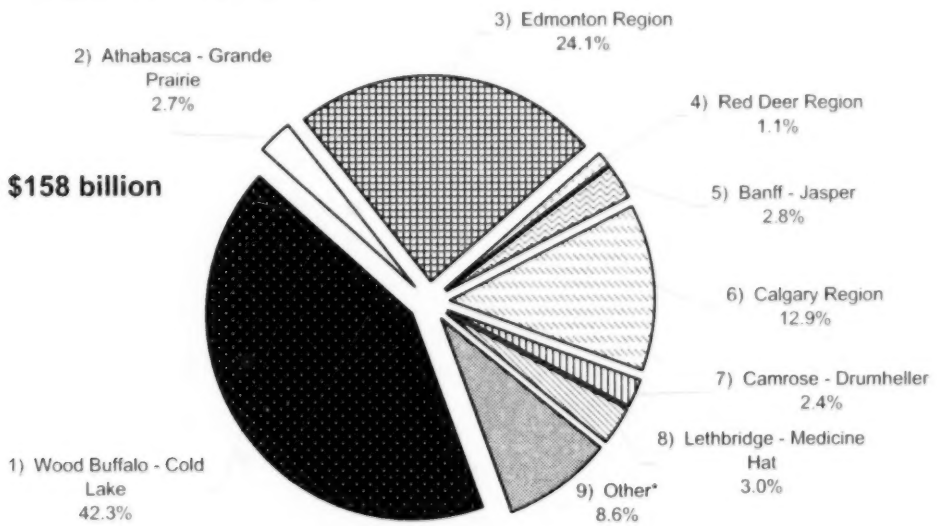
The *Inventory of Major Alberta Projects* tracks projects valued at $2 million or greater that are planned, underway, or have been recently completed. Project data are obtained from public and private sources.

MAJOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS	DECEMBER 2006
	Investment ($ 000,000)
1) Wood Buffalo - Cold Lake	66,974.8
2) Athabasca - Grande Prairie	4,296.3
3) Edmonton Region	38,174.2
4) Red Deer Region	1,675.1
5) Banff - Jasper	4,478.8
6) Calgary Region	20,393.1
7) Camrose - Drumheller	3,821.2
8) Lethbridge - Medicine Hat	4,694.8
9) Other*	13,662.5
Total	158,170.8

**Projects that cannot be allocated to just one region, e.g. pipelines, highways, etc.*

BUILDING PERMITS ($000,000)	JANUARY - NOVEMBER			OCTOBER			NOVEMBER		
	2005	2006	Per cent Change	2005	2006	Per cent Change	2005	2006	Per cent Change
1) Wood Buffalo - Cold Lake	751.3	933.2	24.2	141.0	193.5	37.3	79.6	41.5	-47.8
2) Athabasca - Grande Prairie	568.1	885.3	55.8	34.9	62.2	78.1	71.7	82.4	14.9
3) Edmonton Region	2,706.9	3,418.2	26.3	349.7	361.4	3.3	240.3	398.2	65.7
4) Red Deer Region	494.4	574.5	16.2	48.9	69.7	42.5	34.7	47.6	36.9
5) Banff - Jasper	235.4	421.2	79.0	18.8	45.2	140.0	25.8	24.0	-6.9
6) Calgary Region	3,870.2	5,509.3	42.4	325.1	565.6	74.0	403.6	555.4	37.6
7) Camrose - Drumheller	324.4	499.6	54.0	21.6	51.6	139.6	34.9	45.8	31.1
8) Lethbridge - Medicine Hat	386.6	544.0	40.7	46.1	45.4	-1.5	29.0	80.5	178.0
Total	9,337.3	12,785.2	36.9	986.1	1,394.6	41.4	919.5	1,275.3	38.7

MAJOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS


Total: $158 billion
3) Edmonton Region 24.1%
2) Athabasca - Grande Prairie 2.7%
4) Red Deer Region 1.1%
5) Banff - Jasper 2.8%
6) Calgary Region 12.9%
7) Camrose - Drumheller 2.4%
8) Lethbridge - Medicine Hat 3.0%
1) Wood Buffalo - Cold Lake 42.3%
9) Other* 8.6%

Historic and Current Economic Indicators

Selected Series - Alberta

	Unemployment Rate* (%)	Employed* (000's)	Employment Insurance Beneficiaries*	Wages and Salaries* ($000,000)	Average Weekly Earnings* ($)	Retail Trade* ($000,000)	Rest., Caterer & Tavern Rec. ($000,000)	New Motor Vehicle Sales* (#)	Wholesale Trade* ($000,000)
1997	5.9	1,451	30,358	43,823	618.56	27,134	3,000	167,673	31,464
1998	5.6	1,510	33,005	47,650	635.70	28,295	2,901	163,397	30,754
1999	5.7	1,544	35,962	49,264	644.83	29,454	3,017	160,838	31,135
2000	5.0	1,584	27,391	54,624	664.27	31,738	3,328	175,545	34,847
2001	4.6	1,631	25,559	61,355	683.43	34,560	3,688	187,862	37,258
2002	5.3	1,671	32,489	63,400	698.81	37,663	3,806	204,805	38,758
Jan03	5.3	1,697	32,680	5,413	701.84	3,233	293	16,674	3,462
Feb03	4.9	1,702	32,900	5,415	706.89	3,246	290	16,765	3,461
Mar03	5.4	1,693	33,430	5,431	706.31	3,214	322	16,117	3,422
Apr03	5.6	1,698	34,500	5,413	701.19	3,226	322	15,080	3,274
May03	5.6	1,709	35,640	5,420	690.99	3,228	348	16,801	3,412
Jun03	5.3	1,713	35,220	5,458	705.08	3,260	326	15,913	3,480
Jul03	4.9	1,718	35,540	5,514	706.03	3,302	348	17,916	3,504
Aug03	5.1	1,721	34,910	5,550	708.63	3,343	338	16,791	3,470
Sep03	4.8	1,728	34,150	5,612	718.37	3,282	313	16,180	3,498
Oct03	4.7	1,737	33,280	5,636	708.84	3,305	341	16,076	3,611
Nov03	4.7	1,738	33,010	5,670	711.70	3,328	329	15,512	3,621
Dec03	4.8	1,747	31,910	5,734	720.84	3,351	335	14,624	3,653
Average/Sum	5.1	1,717	33,931	66,266	707.27	39,318	3,904	194,449	41,868
Jan04	4.7	1,741	30,050	5,784	714.60	3,385	314	14,913	3,672
Feb04	5.1	1,745	30,130	5,838	725.28	3,567	313	16,050	3,739
Mar04	5.0	1,750	30,340	5,891	726.97	3,584	347	16,388	3,831
Apr04	4.4	1,760	29,330	5,933	722.46	3,564	349	16,150	3,811
May04	4.3	1,758	29,030	5,965	723.64	3,574	361	16,209	3,887
Jun04	4.6	1,758	29,760	6,022	729.85	3,594	345	15,691	3,879
Jul04	4.6	1,752	29,680	6,035	724.20	3,609	373	15,711	3,839
Aug04	4.4	1,764	29,230	6,089	731.31	3,598	364	15,972	4,102
Sep04	4.6	1,772	28,500	6,147	735.33	3,663	334	16,437	3,982
Oct04	4.7	1,762	27,440	6,166	737.29	3,765	352	17,487	4,100
Nov04	4.6	1,766	26,940	6,225	744.13	3,752	343	17,644	4,131
Dec04	4.3	1,766	26,210	6,289	753.32	3,714	349	17,504	4,248
Average/Sum	4.6	1,758	28,887	72,383	730.70	43,372	4,143	196,156	47,221
Jan05	4.3	1,772	26,070	6,342	751.34	3,778	335	15,996	4,194
Feb05	4.0	1,773	25,200	6,405	756.43	3,877	338	18,130	4,302
Mar05	3.6	1,777	24,090	6,474	758.78	3,903	376	17,458	4,362
Apr05	4.1	1,779	23,720	6,502	757.80	4,006	381	18,984	4,581
May05	3.6	1,783	22,040	6,575	759.43	4,046	375	16,843	4,551
Jun05	3.9	1,779	21,960	6,615	765.07	4,032	382	18,995	4,489
Jul05	3.6	1,788	20,580	6,691	769.65	4,154	390	21,779	4,484
Aug05	3.9	1,787	24,170	6,744	776.72	4,159	383	19,394	4,558
Sep05	4.1	1,784	21,030	6,803	777.64	4,122	368	18,391	4,684
Oct05	4.0	1,794	20,620	6,864	782.97	4,158	383	18,221	4,707
Nov05	4.2	1,797	19,700	6,973	787.37	4,223	381	18,844	4,766
Dec05	4.2	1,800	19,500	7,026	784.10	4,301	410	19,326	4,872
Average/Sum	3.9	1,784	22,390	80,015	768.94	48,758	4,502	222,361	54,551
Jan06	3.5	1,810	19,240	7,067	790.70	4,425	373	20,016	4,971
Feb06	3.1	1,835	19,240	7,132	793.99	4,488	371	20,706	5,054
Mar06	3.4	1,842	18,870	7,195	794.08	4,531	413	20,159	5,145
Apr06	3.5	1,845	18,540	7,257	799.96	4,700	412	20,228	5,098
May06	3.4	1,876	18,460	7,319	799.58	4,733	418	20,550	5,106
Jun06	3.5	1,869	18,900	7,387	798.88	4,740	418	20,097	5,172
Jul06	3.6	1,870	18,060	7,430	801.39	**4,812**	430	21,569	**5,181**
Aug06	4.2	1,878	**21,150**	7,500	**806.07**	**4,884**	424	**22,007**	**5,207**
Sep06	3.5	1,880	**18,390**	7,571	**811.96**	**4,819**	**421**	**20,875**	**5,242**
Oct06	3.0	1,902	**18,040**		**821.31**	**4,813**	**420**	**20,995**	**5,173**
Nov06	3.1	1,912						**20,209**	
Dec06	**3.3**	**1,908**							
Average/Sum	**3.4**	**1,871**							

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	MLS Housing Resales (#)	Housing Starts (#, urban)	Building Permits ($000,000)			Manufacturing Shipments* ($000,000)	Energy Production		Rigs Drilling (#)
			Alberta	Calgary	Edmonton		Oil/Equiv. (Tsds m^3)	Gas (Mlns m^3)	
1997	43,693	18,938	4,446	1,828	879	34,184	93,976	168,094	310
1998	43,383	21,725	5,552	2,486	1,167	32,840	94,676	172,644	218
1999	42,684	20,216	4,802	1,917	1,124	37,096	89,066	175,279	210
2000	43,311	21,506	5,296	2,287	1,249	44,430	89,136	176,146	296
2001	48,989	24,457	5,912	2,309	1,462	45,480	89,365	174,094	298
2002	51,042	32,729	6,847	2,714	1,797	45,407	89,885	170,828	231
Jan03	3,165	1,833	473	248	133	3,963	7,687	15,322	402
Feb03	3,612	2,636	408	214	94	4,006	6,891	13,782	414
Mar03	4,318	2,338	481	203	138	4,001	7,369	14,453	369
Apr03	4,990	2,908	572	238	140	3,717	7,310	13,522	141
May03	5,129	2,739	647	249	178	3,688	7,713	13,529	125
Jun03	5,086	2,921	839	406	177	3,678	7,800	12,959	261
Jul03	5,249	3,103	611	185	200	3,713	8,634	13,691	341
Aug03	4,561	3,050	560	261	131	3,749	8,626	13,663	344
Sep03	4,536	2,962	564	197	147	3,793	8,047	13,044	298
Oct03	4,402	2,682	612	239	161	3,858	8,323	13,789	331
Nov03	3,402	2,605	455	201	132	4,163	8,116	13,829	342
Dec03	2,884	2,288	446	180	136	4,184	8,797	15,040	401
Average/Sum	51,334	32,066	6,667	2,819	1,767	46,512	95,311	166,623	314
Jan04	2,980	1,985	347	126	135	4,218	8,547	15,198	421
Feb04	3,972	2,481	382	189	91	4,329	8,134	13,820	433
Mar04	5,942	2,124	664	294	171	4,415	8,575	14,088	364
Apr04	5,814	2,425	712	334	179	4,534	8,220	13,623	156
May04	5,993	2,268	720	243	207	4,444	8,558	13,843	170
Jun04	5,784	3,516	681	231	213	4,579	8,267	13,276	263
Jul04	5,283	2,596	702	300	194	4,559	8,487	13,799	308
Aug04	5,200	2,797	617	232	157	4,625	8,810	13,768	309
Sep04	4,721	2,895	581	212	141	4,530	8,378	13,123	272
Oct04	4,457	3,222	687	234	189	4,550	8,393	13,842	370
Nov04	4,148	3,202	722	242	225	4,560	8,418	13,851	434
Dec04	3,166	2,677	512	218	126	4,475	8,484	15,444	471
Average/Sum	57,460	32,188	7,327	2,857	2,028	53,818	101,272	167,676	331
Jan05	3,187	1,854	491	158	174	4,583	7,941	15,453	466
Feb05	4,373	2,215	547	236	142	4,745	7,144	13,350	482
Mar05	6,005	2,480	991	527	210	4,796	7,728	14,425	360
Apr05	6,479	3,269	998	370	255	4,976	7,832	13,686	146
May05	6,816	3,681	940	350	230	4,973	8,227	13,688	224
Jun05	6,976	2,655	892	330	286	4,903	7,925	13,022	250
Jul05	5,816	2,810	881	327	294	4,806	8,194	13,918	391
Aug05	6,338	2,927	907	316	269	5,001	8,464	13,934	423
Sep05	5,725	3,698	784	268	212	5,135	8,101	13,269	392
Oct05	5,221	3,096	986	292	346	5,373	9,072	13,840	430
Nov05	5,296	2,952	920	368	236	5,453	9,024	14,074	491
Dec05	3,634	2,663	850	378	258	5,567	9,522	15,668	523
Average/Sum	65,866	34,301	10,187	3,921	2,912	60,311	99,174	168,327	381
Jan06	4,686	2,318	647	254	212	5,418	9,228	**13,552**	495
Feb06	5,933	3,045	798	337	219	5,290	7,945	**14,652**	531
Mar06	7,189	3,526	1,250	594	281	5,314	8,174	**13,801**	540
Apr06	7,182	3,463	1,010	396	270	5,281	8,799	**13,954**	201
May06	7,996	3,880	1,189	412	310	5,239	8,381	**12,999**	184
Jun06	7,489	4,276	1,411	458	320	5,344	8,065	**13,803**	314
Jul06	6,407	3,796	1,204	496	253	5,679	8,968	**13,965**	442
Aug06	6,378	3,475	1,363	516	397	5,571	**9,436**	**13,192**	391
Sep06	5,577	3,338	1,244	564	314	5,344			318
Oct06	5,583	**2,801**	**1,395**	**516**	**355**	5,242			325
Nov06	**5,252**	**4,189**	**1,275**	**495**	**390**				340
Dec06		**2,775**							**380**
Average/Sum		**40,882**							**371**

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	Energy Prices		International	Bankruptcies		Incorporations		International
	WTI Crude (US$/barrel)	Gas (C$/GJ)	Exports ($000,000)	Business (#)	Consumer (#)	Alberta (#)	Non-Alberta (#)	Travellers (#, direct entries)**
1997	20.61	1.87	33,560	1,460	9,913	24,343	1,840	787,755
1998	14.43	1.84	31,130	1,349	8,108	21,484	1,881	848,465
1999	19.24	2.35	34,717	1,553	8,782	22,762	1,786	874,620
2000	30.20	4.27	55,495	1,709	8,847	27,001	1,970	880,729
2001	25.90	5.12	57,061	1,688	8,121	27,907	1,955	845,325
2002	26.09	3.68	48,931	1,998	8,234	28,141	2,001	826,384
Jan03	32.70	5.88	5,243	134	752	2,648	156	40,855
Feb03	35.73	6.83	4,851	137	742	2,389	176	44,729
Mar03	33.16	8.94	6,284	150	790	2,700	175	52,588
Apr03	28.14	5.88	4,657	142	828	2,531	147	42,506
May03	28.07	5.73	4,266	121	736	2,580	140	56,432
Jun03	30.52	5.93	4,226	138	807	2,568	164	103,404
Jul03	30.70	5.58	4,574	109	812	2,465	174	145,718
Aug03	31.60	5.08	4,625	124	726	2,200	130	115,427
Sep03	28.31	5.19	4,305	161	820	2,613	148	71,269
Oct03	30.35	4.92	4,648	136	809	2,682	160	45,335
Nov03	31.06	4.60	4,445	144	681	2,536	150	33,853
Dec03	32.14	5.11	4,921	140	657	2,768	171	54,191
Average/Sum	31.04	5.81	57,044	1,636	9,160	30,680	1,891	806,307
Jan04	34.22	6.10	5,445	132	763	2,799	173	37,117
Feb04	34.50	5.83	4,912	179	797	2,488	185	43,930
Mar04	36.72	5.49	5,396	160	897	3,174	205	51,994
Apr04	36.62	5.64	5,131	134	732	2,795	165	42,699
May04	40.28	6.28	5,341	131	695	2,649	174	64,476
Jun04	38.05	6.47	6,278	138	806	2,669	181	105,835
Jul04	40.81	6.17	5,734	118	611	2,428	156	172,370
Aug04	44.88	5.99	5,818	114	713	2,303	163	132,629
Sep04	45.94	5.21	5,177	113	710	2,642	177	96,435
Oct04	53.09	5.29	5,357	105	664	2,644	157	68,512
Nov04	48.47	6.58	6,073	106	737	2,808	162	42,492
Dec04	43.26	6.70	6,174	135	594	2,877	143	54,831
Average/Sum	41.40	5.98	66,838	1,565	8,719	32,276	2,041	913,320
Jan05	46.85	6.02	6,139	119	610	2,932	172	42,642
Feb05	48.05	5.94	5,482	147	658	2,662	177	56,946
Mar05	54.63	6.30	5,992	148	750	3,226	195	56,457
Apr05	53.22	6.79	5,848	139	685	3,119	181	35,705
May05	49.87	6.51	5,981	112	630	3,139	213	65,436
Jun05	56.42	6.34	5,828	112	703	3,347	201	116,196
Jul05	59.03	6.87	6,245	60	566	2,777	189	164,956
Aug05	64.99	7.45	6,889	70	687	2,999	181	122,614
Sep05	65.55	9.46	7,239	83	645	3,361	191	92,745
Oct05	62.27	11.38	8,245	67	611	3,404	199	54,304
Nov05	58.34	10.81	7,672	59	585	3,458	201	37,838
Dec05	59.45	10.54	8,533	79	414	3,614	184	60,875
Average/Sum	56.56	7.87	80,093.8	1,195	7,544	38,038	2,284	906,714
Jan06	65.54	9.52	7,732	93	508	3,794	224	41,621
Feb06	62.01	7.38	6,661	59	442	3,505	195	41,959
Mar06	62.97	6.47	6,639	61	521	4,081	250	54,273
Apr06	70.16	6.18	6,380	73	481	3,654	176	44,925
May06	70.96	5.71	6,569	76	490	4,236	232	72,583
Jun06	70.97	5.29	6,727	68	472	4,081	214	115,760
Jul06	74.46	5.22	6,842	33	376	3,370	214	144,441
Aug06	73.08	5.84	**7,147**	46	429	3,813	226	118,473
Sep06	63.76	5.12	**6,502**	36	412	3,876	226	84,340
Oct06	59.14	**4.40**	**6,897**	53	424	3,923	252	**56,750**
Nov06	59.47		**6,883**	**30**	**418**	3,708	270	
Dec06	**59.70**					**3,486**	**201**	
Average/Sum	**66.02**					**45,527**	**2,680**	

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Historic and Current Economic Indicators

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	Consumer Price Index (1992 = 100)			Consumer Price Index (2000 = 100)		Exchange Rates		Prime Rates	
	Alberta	Edmonton	Calgary	Canada	U.S.	(Cdn$/US$)	(Cdn$/EURO)	Canada (%)	U.S. (%)
1997	109.5	108.7	109.7	95.3	93.4	1.3844	N/A	4.96	8.46
1998	110.7	109.7	111.3	96.0	94.7	1.4831	N/A	6.60	8.31
1999	113.4	112.2	114.2	97.3	96.7	1.4857	1.5853	6.44	8.02
2000	117.4	115.9	118.4	100.0	100.0	1.4854	1.3704	7.27	9.27
2001	120.1	118.4	121.3	102.6	102.8	1.5489	1.3872	5.81	6.79
2002	124.2	121.9	125.8	104.9	104.4	1.5706	1.4838	4.21	4.67
Jan03	128.6	127.4	128.9	107.0	105.5	1.5410	1.6373	4.50	4.25
Feb03	129.0	127.8	129.3	107.8	106.3	1.5124	1.6308	4.50	4.25
Mar03	130.2	128.9	130.7	108.2	107.0	1.4759	1.5937	4.75	4.25
Apr03	130.2	128.8	130.9	107.4	106.7	1.4585	1.5841	5.00	4.25
May03	129.4	128.0	130.1	107.5	106.5	1.3845	1.6009	5.00	4.25
Jun03	130.1	128.7	130.7	107.6	106.7	1.3523	1.5788	5.00	4.25
Jul03	129.6	128.5	129.8	107.7	106.8	1.3815	1.5696	4.75	4.00
Aug03	129.3	128.2	129.7	107.9	107.2	1.3957	1.5558	4.75	4.00
Sep03	130.1	128.9	130.5	108.1	107.5	1.3632	1.5359	4.50	4.00
Oct03	129.6	128.1	130.2	107.8	107.4	1.3218	1.5485	4.50	4.00
Nov03	130.0	128.5	130.7	108.1	107.1	1.3126	1.5383	4.50	4.00
Dec03	129.9	128.4	130.7	108.2	107.0	1.3128	1.6138	4.50	4.00
Average/Sum	129.7	128.4	130.2	107.8	106.8	1.4010	1.5823	4.69	4.13
Jan04	129.8	128.0	130.9	108.3	107.5	1.2960	1.6362	4.25	4.00
Feb04	129.9	127.9	131.0	108.5	108.1	1.3290	1.6807	4.25	4.00
Mar04	130.3	128.3	131.4	108.9	108.8	1.3284	1.6289	4.00	4.00
Apr04	130.6	128.7	131.6	109.1	109.2	1.3425	1.6087	3.75	4.00
May04	131.7	129.8	132.7	110.1	109.8	1.3783	1.6554	3.75	4.00
Jun04	133.0	131.2	133.9	110.2	110.2	1.3577	1.6490	3.75	4.00
Jul04	132.1	130.4	133.1	110.1	110.0	1.3219	1.6222	3.75	4.25
Aug04	131.9	130.2	132.8	109.9	110.0	1.3118	1.6003	3.75	4.50
Sep04	132.0	130.4	132.8	110.0	110.3	1.2878	1.5744	4.00	4.75
Oct04	131.6	129.8	132.6	110.3	110.9	1.2469	1.5594	4.25	4.75
Nov04	132.5	130.7	133.5	110.7	110.9	1.1961	1.5556	4.25	5.00
Dec04	132.2	130.4	133.1	110.5	110.5	1.2191	1.6317	4.25	5.25
Average/Sum	131.5	129.7	132.5	109.7	109.7	1.3013	1.6169	4.00	4.38
Jan05	131.7	130.1	132.5	110.4	110.7	1.2253	1.6052	4.25	5.25
Feb05	131.9	130.1	132.7	110.8	111.4	1.2397	1.6133	4.25	5.50
Mar05	132.7	131.0	133.4	111.4	112.3	1.2161	1.6045	4.25	5.75
Apr05	133.6	131.6	134.4	111.8	113.0	1.2360	1.5997	4.25	5.75
May05	133.4	131.5	134.3	111.9	112.9	1.2555	1.5934	4.25	6.00
Jun05	133.9	131.8	134.9	112.0	113.0	1.2402	1.5076	4.25	6.00
Jul05	135.0	133.1	135.9	112.3	113.5	1.2227	1.4714	4.25	6.25
Aug05	135.0	133.0	135.9	112.7	114.1	1.2040	1.4808	4.25	6.50
Sep05	136.6	134.8	137.3	113.7	115.4	1.1776	1.4409	4.50	6.75
Oct05	136.2	134.3	137.0	113.2	115.7	1.1776	1.4156	4.75	6.75
Nov05	136.1	134.2	136.9	112.9	114.8	1.1811	1.3922	4.75	7.00
Dec05	135.4	133.3	136.5	112.8	114.3	1.1610	1.3771	5.00	7.25
Average/Sum	134.3	132.4	135.1	112.2	113.4	1.2114	1.5085	4.42	6.23
Jan06	137.1	134.8	138.3	113.4	115.2	1.1573	1.4032	5.25	7.25
Feb06	136.2	134.2	137.0	113.3	115.4	1.1489	1.3716	5.25	7.50
Mar06	137.0	134.8	137.8	113.9	116.0	1.1574	1.3921	5.50	7.75
Apr06	138.3	135.8	139.6	114.5	117.0	1.1438	1.4046	5.75	7.75
May06	139.4	136.6	140.9	115.0	117.6	1.1095	1.4159	6.00	8.00
Jun06	138.9	136.0	140.5	114.9	117.8	1.1138	1.4101	6.00	8.00
Jul06	140.8	137.5	143.0	114.9	118.2	1.1292	1.4318	6.00	8.25
Aug06	141.4	137.7	143.9	115.1	118.4	1.1183	1.4321	6.00	8.25
Sep06	141.7	137.9	144.3	**114.5**	117.8	1.1162	1.4199	6.00	8.25
Oct06	140.3	136.8	142.8		**117.2**	1.1286	1.4239	6.00	8.25
Nov06	**141.2**	**137.7**	**143.7**			1.1362	1.4650	6.00	8.25
Dec06						**1.1530**	**1.5230**	**6.00**	**8.25**
Average/Sum						**1.1343**	**1.4244**	**5.81**	**7.98**

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Consumer Price Index (international)	**International Monetary Fund,** *International Financial Statistics* (monthly)
Crude Oil Prices	**Alberta Department of Energy**
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